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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from the European Patent Office regarding counterpart application No. 03715549.6 - 2109 citing the references listed on the attached Form SB/08.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits herewith English language abstracts for Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 09-272308, 10-297209, 63-184502, 03-148304, 61-060302 and 2001-260609, as well as the above-referenced Communication from the European Patent Office.

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